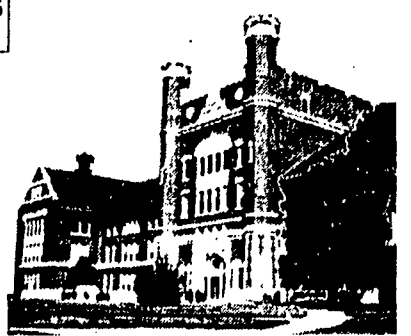


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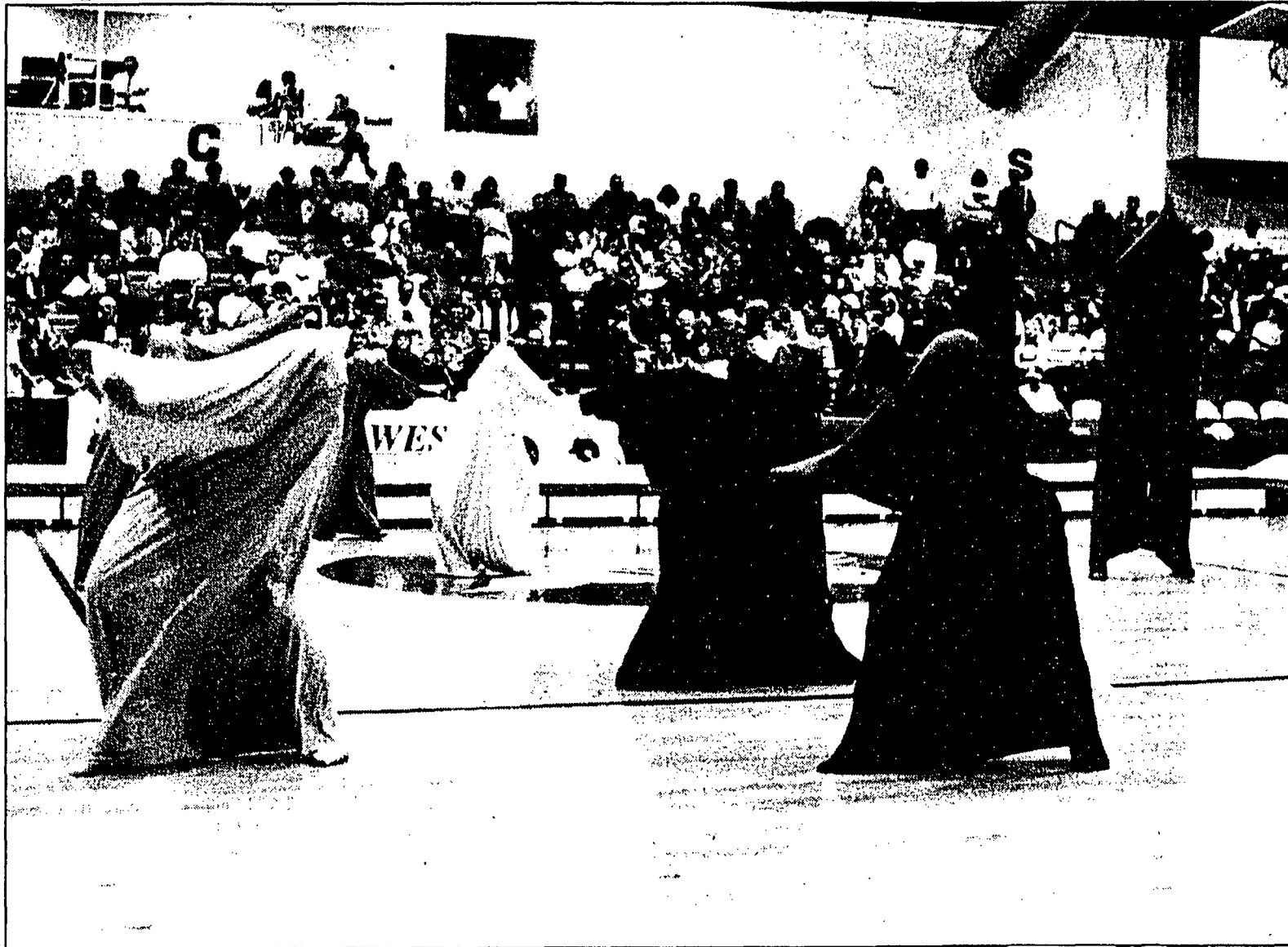
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## Keeps on going



GREG DALRYMPLE/Assistant Photo Director

**I-35 Energizers.** The I-35 Energizers entertain those in attendance at Saturday's basketball game against University of Missouri - St. Louis. The group of dancers from Iowa performed during the halftime

show of the men's and women's basketball games. The energizers range in age from 5 to 15. The interjunctic dancers tumbled over each other to add a highlight to their show.

## Bell to ring for student

*Car accident claims life of 19-year-old over break*

CYNTHIA HANSEN  
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Athletic, social, fun loving, easy to get along with, giving, helpful — these are all words that were used to describe 19-year-old Kyle Peterson, the victim of a New Year's Eve car accident.

Student Senate will have a bell ringing in memory of Peterson at 3 p.m. next Thursday at the Memorial Bell.

Nearly three weeks ago, Peterson and four friends were traveling on a road between Memphis, Mo., and Kirksville when the car went out of control while rounding a curve. The accident took both Peterson's life and that of Jeremy Schaeffer, another passenger.

In a tragic twist, a car accident last summer claimed the lives of two close friends of Peterson.

Jason Kirkman, a Northwest student and friend of Peterson's, was involved in that same accident. He said he remembers Peterson being concerned about what he would do without Kirkman at his side if something else were to happen.

Peterson, Kirkman, Travis Stott, also a Northwest student, Schaeffer and one other person from their hometown were a sort of five musketeers union. Now only two are left.

"He told me that he didn't know what he would do without me around, but now, not too long later, I'm in his

position," Kirkman said. "Things happen for a reason, and I just keep telling myself that."

Friends and family, though, are not soon to forget Peterson.

"He got along with everybody," Stott said. "He wore a grin most of the time."

Peterson liked to help out wherever he could.

"He always gave his time to others," Marsha Goucher, Peterson's mother, said. "He worked for the Red Cross, here (Memphis), teaching swimming lessons, and he always thought of people as special no matter where they were from."

The community of Memphis found Peterson everywhere they went.

"He worked at the grocery store where the

older folks knew him and he worked at the pool where the younger kids knew him, and he was always happy so they remembered him," family friend Jamie Childress said.

The friendly side of Peterson not only extended to his friends, but also to his mom.

"I could always tell him anything," Goucher said. "It was more than a mother/son (relationship), I think. In the last card I sent him I told him I was so proud of him."

Goucher said she never knew how many people Peterson had touched in his life until the funeral.

*"I could always tell him anything. It was more than a mother/son (relationship), I think."*

Marsha Goucher  
Peterson's mother

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## Buildings need alarm upgrades

Steam tunnels, Roberta hall face special problems

KAREN A. GATES  
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Many major buildings on campus, such as Colden Hall, are being upgraded with better fire alarms because the buildings do not have the standard alarm system.

Simplex fire alarms consist of fire alarms that have an open pull down station, which when pulled, will alert Campus Safety. All of the buildings on campus have the Simplex fire alarm system

except Owens Library, Brown Hall, all academic bathrooms, the Conference Center, the greenhouse, Mable Cook, all residential bathrooms and Colden Hall. The buildings are expected to be upgraded in that order.

"It's not a matter of whether or not we are going to repair the alarms because we will," Tom Dover, director of Campus Safety, said. "We just have to look and see if they are made in-house or contracted out."

As the project of upgrading all the alarms enters into the final stages, officials decided

in a meeting on Tuesday to make Thompson-Ringold a top priority. Prior to that, Thompson-Ringold had been low on the priority list for upgrading.

Although some equipment is now available for such buildings as Owens Library and Evert Hall, it will just be a matter of time getting it installed, according to a document from the meeting.

As well as the other buildings, Colden

## Columnist to share views

KAREN A. GATES  
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

She has been a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize three times and has won numerous awards for her outstanding journalism work, and now she is coming to Northwest to share her knowledge and experiences.

Molly Ivins, columnist for the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. The Culture of Quality project funded the event, so admission is free.

Writing about Texas politics, Ivins is known as a syndicated columnist with her own brand of biting wit and a keen eye for political corruption and absurdity. She has also written free-lance work for *Esquire*, *Atlantic*, *The Nation*, *Harper's*, *TV Guide*

and other publications.

Ivins has also worked in broadcasting, doing commentaries for National Public Radio and the "McNeil Lehrer News Hour," as well as serving three years on the board of the National News Council.

She is also active in Amnesty International's Journalism Network and the Reporters Committee for the Freedom of the Press.

Ivins started out her journalism career as the Complaint department of the *Houston Chronicle*. She then became an editor and eventually moved on to work for the *Minneapolis Tribune* as a police reporter.

In 1976 Ivins was a political reporter for *The New York Times*, and *The Times* sent her to the Rocky Mountain Bureau where she was named editor in chief. She returned to Texas in 1982.

## Student excels with determination

JAMIE HATZ  
COPY ASSISTANT

In a world where simple obstacles stop some people from even trying to reach their dreams, one Northwest student uses her disability as a reason to not only try, but also excel in everything she does.

Government major Jennifer Harr credits her disability, a progressive nerve deafness, for generating her aspirations and shaping her into a strong, active individual.

That determination and strength has taken Harr to a new level that few have reached. Harr is among 40 young Americans selected for the British Marshall Scholarships for 1996.

This scholarship is financed by the British Government and provides an opportunity for American students who have demonstrated

academic excellence and leadership to continue their education at a British University.

"My family and I are literally still in shock," Harr said. "It is hard to imagine myself a whole ocean away, but it is an overwhelming opportunity to grow as an individual and the education opportunity is outstanding. I am going to be able to study at a British University and receive my master's degree."

The Marshall Scholarship covers tuition costs, books, travel and living expenses in the United Kingdom.

"She was the first Northwest student to receive the Truman Scholarship and now she is the first Marshall Scholar," David McLaughlin, associate professor of government, said. "Harr proves that a Northwest student can compete with national, big state

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## Country remembers shuttle disaster

*Challenger anniversary makes America reflect*

JESSICA CLARK  
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Thousands of Americans gathered around their TV screens to watch the Challenger space shuttle shoot into the sky — but no one could predict the horrid explosion that took the lives of seven astronauts on that crisp January morning in 1986.

This Sunday marks the 10-year anniversary of the explosion.

The times were changing quickly back then and everyone seemed unaware of how fast they were about to be thrown into the 1990s.

Former president Ronald Reagan was attempting to get America to look toward the future because American technology was taking off. The hot news of the time was General Motors' pride and joy — the 1986 Oldsmobile. RJ Reynolds Tobacco Company started printing public service announcements such as "Don't sleep in bed, or your dreams may go up in SMOKE." Hot off the news press was that people were physically dependent on the nicotine in cigarettes, and in the business world the new PC6 computer was "The Better Personal Computer."

While most of us do not remember those things, we do remember where we were the morning of the explosion.

"I was 16 years old and we were watching it in school," Annette Blunck, professional hair stylist at R-Salon, said. "I had to ask myself did that really just happen?"

Many of young Americans were confused about how they felt or what to say at the time.

"I remember being angry because we



**In their memory.** At Arlington National Cemetery in Washington D.C., a memorial remembers the fallen astronauts from the Challenger explosion Jan. 28, 1986. Seven astronauts lost their lives including Christa McAuliffe, a school teacher from Concord, N.H.

GENE CASSELL/  
Campus Sports Editor

had to miss recess to watch the lift off on TV," sociology major Tracey Molitor said. "When it exploded, the whole class sat in silence and our teacher started to cry."

Tracey's teacher was not the only one crying for the seven astronauts who lost their lives trying to advance the United States into the future. The Challenger was more than just a trip to the moon — it symbolized America.

The crew represented four American ethnic groups and three religious groups. The symbolism and the popu-

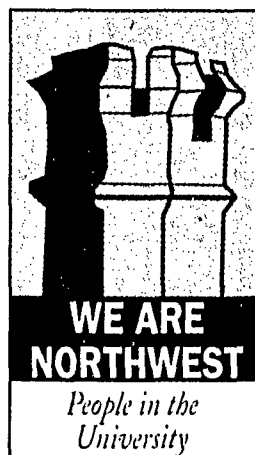
larity of this flight was not an accident. The diversity of the flight was part of a campaign to get Americans interested in the future.

Men, women, blacks, whites, Japanese, Catholics, Jews and Protestants were all represented in the shuttle:

• Gregory Jarvis (1944 - 1986) was born in Detroit. He grew up in upstate New York and became an astronaut in 1984.

• Christa McAuliffe (1948 - 1986)

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## Our View

## Students stand to gain from locked-in prices

While students must face the fact that tuition will rise, this University is taking action that can help offset the rise in tuition.

In order to encourage students to live on campus through their college careers, the University made a smart move to lock in prices for students.

Last semester 25 percent of the students adding money to their Ala Dine Lite plan, and 10 percent of students had money left on their regular Ala Dine card.

To fix this problem, the University, in effect, raised the price of Ala Dine light and reduced the price of Ala Dine regular and made them equal.

While incoming freshmen will now have just one plan, as long as current on-campus students stay on campus,

the meal plans of this year will stay with them.

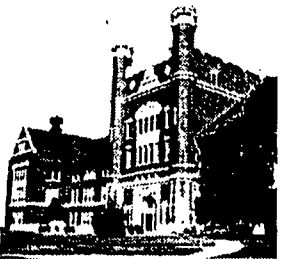
The locking in of prices is also a huge benefit to the current students, who don't have to worry about their room and board going up.

One other group that will benefit from this new merging of the meal plans is the financial aid office. Now, almost every plan will cost the same amount.

The benefits of the new plans are numerous. Because college education is so expensive, parents must plan out ahead of time, and this plan will make the cost of living easier to predict.

Hopefully, students will see this move as a smart one. In the future, students may stay on campus because it will become more affordable.

## CAMPUS EDITORIAL



## Our View

## Society must combat hidden domestic abuse

Residents of Maryville see their city as a safe haven in a violent world. But how many times does this illusion vanish when you walk into the homes that line the safe streets?

Maryville Public Safety reported that there were 138 domestic disturbance calls investigated last year, more than one every three days. This number includes only incidents that were called into the police. How many women were abused and stayed quiet about it? How many children are abused by their parents, only to go to school and say they fell or ran into something?

Domestic abuse is an epidemic that has infiltrated every nook and cranny of our society. New York City, Omaha, Maryville and Hopkins are all affected by a illness whose only cure is education.

Abusers typically use emotional sabotage to hide their physical beatings. By telling their victims they love them or by blaming them, they keep them quiet and obedient.

We, as a society, must teach victims it is not their fault. No one deserves a beating from someone who is bigger and stronger. If victims do not learn

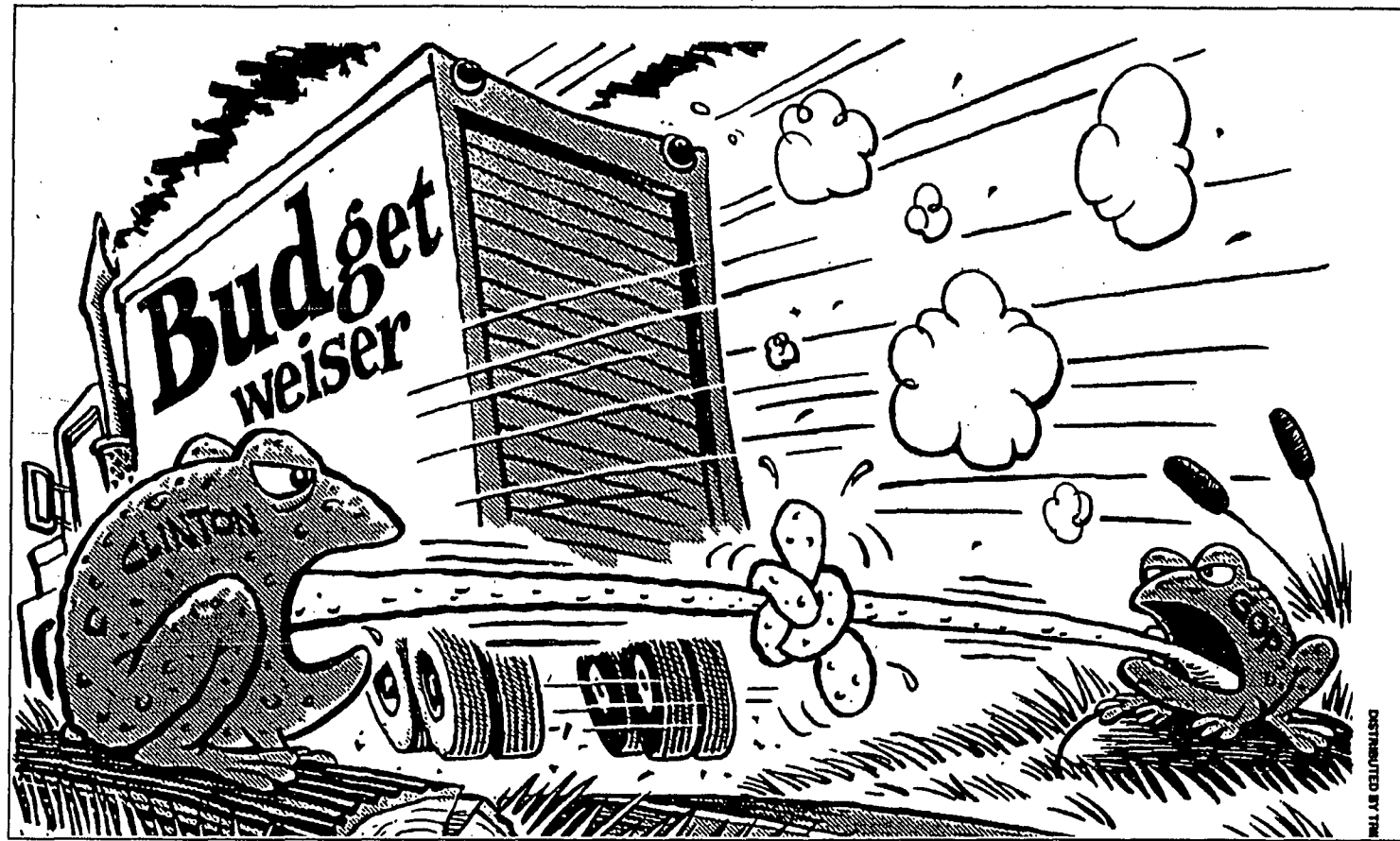
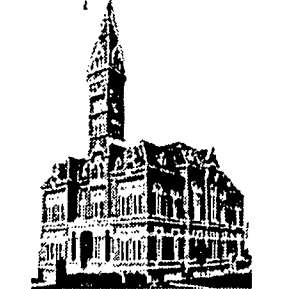
that it is wrong for people they love to abuse them, they will not report the atrocities and cannot be helped by their loved ones and authorities.

We must also teach the abusers that it is never all right to hit someone, especially someone who trusts them. Many parents who were struck as children see violence as discipline. These people must be taught that there is a place for a light spanking as a form of discipline, but there is no place for punching or torturing a child out of anger.

Men, who are typically the abusive member of a spousal relationship, must be taught it is never OK to hit their wives. Society must teach them that this is an unacceptable form of behavior, and we must be willing to punish those who behave in this way.

It is not all right to look away and ignore the problem. Many of us hear domestic abuse: children crying after the sound of flesh meeting flesh, women falling to the ground after a loud argument with their husband. We also see it: bruised children or women with continual black eyes. We must learn to reach out, be part of the solution and not part of the crime.

## CITY EDITORIAL



## My Turn

## Feminists have strength to be themselves

The word feminism often conjures up images of burning bras, verbal male-bashing rallies and angry radical women in the minds of the general public. What does feminism really mean?

Who are feminists? They cannot and should not be categorized into one general group. These women make up a group of varied individuals. Feminists range from rich to poor, educated to uneducated and aggressive to meek.

What is feminism? Being a feminist means a woman is strong enough to be who she really is, whether that be a housewife or a scientist. Women have been restrained in the past from becoming who they wanted to be. Today, many of those restraints have been lifted and it is now up to women to be strong enough to think, say and do what they want.

Another aspect of feminism deals with having enough strength to admit weaknesses. Too often women are portrayed as either too weak to even attempt to try to solve their own problems or too tough to give in to emotions that every human being has. Both of these create a negative picture of a woman. Not only should women try to solve their own problems, but they should also be strong enough to ask for help if they



SUSAN PORTERFIELD

## Women form untrue generalizations about their places in society

can't do it alone.

Many women have misconceptions about what it is to be a feminist. Some make the mistake of thinking the more they try to act like a man, the more feminist they become, when they actually lose a bit of their femininity.

Another mistake women make is hating men. What good does it really do? What good does any hatred do? None.

So why do so many women think that male-bashing is the center of being a feminist? Women should make up the

central idea of feminism.

I won't completely leave men out of the business of feminism because they are a part of women's lives. I disagree with men who call themselves feminists. Only women are feminists, but that doesn't necessarily mean he cannot support feminists or feminism, and women do need men's support just as men need women's.

As for the future feminists, I worry that they are being distracted more and more every day from what it means to be female. Stick-thin models cover the TV screens and pages of magazines, giving the women of tomorrow a complex about their body types and distracting them from their feminism. So many girls are trying to fit this picture physical perfection and are losing out on discovering who they are as people.

I only hope these girls can find feminist role models who inspire them to search their souls for their true beauties. Because in the end, it is not her hair, nose, hips or chest that make up the woman; it is her mind.

Susan Porterfield is the assistant features editor for the Northwest Missourian.

## Purpose and Politics

## University fails to provide political diversity

As a young boy, I would often sneak away to attend art gallery openings, read a variety of literature and visit museums to view artifacts. These experiences built a yearning for cultural rendezvous and a thirst for knowledge for Van Gogh, Hemingway and Stegosaurus bones.

At the college level, I had hoped to expand my horizons, but it seems I am being snuffed in receiving a well-rounded cultural education. The Encore Performance of the Culture of Quality falls short of offering speakers both sides of the spectrum and instead promotes a narrow political agenda with speakers like Jesse Jackson and Robert Kennedy Jr. (who will speak this semester).

Take for instance Molly Ivins, a syndicated columnist from Dallas. She is speaking Tuesday and is a self-proclaimed liberal populist.

I cannot remember the last time a solid conservative speaker came to campus, absent Phyllis Schlafly and Edwin Meese III (who were, I might add, contradicted in debate by a liberal activist). But Encore Performances seem to find an abundance of those who want to spew leftist hogwash.



HAWKEYE WILSON

## Speakers only represent liberals; school needs to bring conservatives

I hope Ivins will cast light on why her Camelot in the White House, Bill Clinton, is the first president to claim attorney-client privilege and the first to assert executive privilege against himself.

Do not forget that he is also the first to receive legal aid from the taxpayers by using government lawyers for his personal legal matters and that he is the only president to demand absolute immunity from

civil lawsuits — even when the suit involves matters alleged to have occurred prior to his election to the presidency.

Or will we hear her defend First Lady Hillary Clinton, who is using her position to promote her new book? Or will she defend Hillary's involvement in Whitewater or talk about Travelgate?

Judging from Ivins' past columns, we will likely hear the defense of 1960s-like boondoggles like Americorp or how the welfare state needs more money.

Enough. What about hearing quality speakers like New York Times columnist William Safire or Marvin Olasky author of "The Tragedy of American Compassion?" Or stop calling it the Encore Performance and call it what it is — Liberal Agenda for the 1990s or Propaganda Tools 101.

On the other hand, judging that modern-day liberalism is indeed on its last leg, it is ironic that the Culture of Quality has artifacts like Ivins and brings the museum to you instead of having you visit it.

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## Journalism becoming biased

Dear Editor,

What has happened to journalism today? At one time journalism students were trained to be objective, accurate and unbiased.

For example, Jan. 22 was the 23rd anniversary of the Supreme Court decision of Roe v. Wade, and was also the 23rd annual March for Life. The Supreme Court justices took it upon themselves to decide against the natural law of God — that life does not begin at conception and end at natural death.

Why doesn't the mainstream media as well as local media give equal and unbiased coverage for all events — including this march for life on Washington? The feminists and gay com-

munities and pro-abortion movements receive more. (Objective huh?)

Recently, the National Park Service reported to media that there were 400,000 plus supporters in the Million Man March. However, upon the objections of the Rev. Farrakhan, the numbers were inflated to more accurately portray their group and so the media relented. Then when the right to life march was held, there were only 20,000-30,000 participants there. What a lie. Many members from the local Tri-County Right to Life chapter participated in the march and they know firsthand how the media is distorting the movement. Tell the truth. The attendance at the right to life march was more like 120,000-150,000. Also, this was a very diverse group.

Being from Missouri, I was proud to see all of the youth from Missouri in attendance.

There were many positive comments about what a wonderful state Missouri is to send such a numerous contingent (27 plus buses) to the march, and take a stand for life no matter what. Sad to say is that northwest Missouri was not represented at all that well.

It is encouraging to see that with education and legislation, the Pro-Life, Pro-Family movement are not dead but are growing.

So, please journalism educators — get back to the basics with unbiased and objectivity in equal coverage for all issues.

R. Payne  
Tri-County Right to Life



## CommunityTurn

### Public Works serves community well

I wish to take this opportunity to write about the Maryville Public Works Department. After having been the Assistant City Manager and Director of Public Works for nearly a year, I have developed a profound respect for this department consisting of six areas including Administration, Street Maintenance, Water/Wastewater Operations, Water/Wastewater Maintenance, Solid Waste and Code Enforcement.

Administration is responsible for all records in Public Works, issuance of permits and, in general, ensuring the overall smooth operation of the entire Public Works Department. Administration also oversees numerous boards, including Planning and Zoning, the Board of Code Appeals and the Board of Zoning Adjustment, plus answers hundreds of telephone queries and coordinates countless inspections and meetings. With only two people assigned, this is a very busy section.

Street Maintenance is responsible for nearly 70 miles of streets within the city limits of Maryville. This past summer we added eight blocks of concrete streets in our permanent street program, 35 blocks of asphalt overlay and completed 65 blocks of chip and seal. Next year we plan to do 15 blocks in the permanent street program and more chip and seal and asphalt overlay. They are also responsible for snow removal. Imagine trying to remove snow from 70 miles of streets with eight people. It is a large task, and one that sometimes keeps all of our people and equipment going for 24 hours. Additionally, this area includes the city garage where one individual is responsible for the maintenance and care of more than 70 vehicles.

Water/wastewater operations is responsible for the processing of all water to the city and Rural Water District No. 1. This keeps the five employed here on their toes. While Mozingo Lake offers a virtually unlimited water supply, presently most of our water comes from the 102 River. Our water plant, last modernized in 1977, has a maximum production capacity of about 2.5 million gallons per day. Generally, we consume about 1.5-1.7 million gallons per day, but flows sometimes reach and exceed 2.5 million gallons. Most of the time our water system is pressurized by pumps located at the water plant, but when the plant is down our two water towers with a capacity of one million gallons and 150,000 gallons respectively provide water and system pressure. With numerous pumps and motors running 18-24 hours every day of the year, there is little room for rest for these five people, but these same individuals are also responsible for the safe operation of our wastewater



RON BROHAMMER

*Limited staffs work hard to provide city with needed services like snow removal, water supply, street repairs*

ter treatment plant. This consists of five lagoons covering 100 acres. Designed for a city of about 17,500, we are rapidly approaching our capacity since our population is approaching 11,000 and the University population is around 6,500.

The lagoon system, with relatively low maintenance, requires general care that includes area mowing, pump maintenance and chemical addition, plus constant monitoring and testing to ensure we are operating within Missouri Department of Natural Resource parameters.

The five people in the Water/Wastewater Maintenance Department have their hands full with the upkeep of over 50 miles of fresh water lines and about 48 miles of sewer lines, some of which were installed in the 1920s, with new lines being added nearly every year. Water lines, which carry between 40 and 60 pounds of pressure, have a unique way of breaking at the most inopportune times and locations, like downtown during the Nodaway County Fair or on Thanksgiving morning. With some lines as old as seventy years, it is impossible to predict where, when or why breaks occur, but very shortly after discovery we'll be there to fix it. We also replace old lines when we can and upgrade others to provide better pressure or water flow for our customers. Last year we replaced 3,200 feet of water line and hope to do at least 2,000 feet more in 1996. This department also installs and maintains all 342 fire hydrants in Maryville. Fresh water is only half their job, however; with 48 miles of wastewater (sewer) lines and four lift stations to care for. Installing new sewer lines, manholes and repairing old ones is a full-time job in itself.

Maryville's Sanitary Landfill, operated by five full-time and five part-time personnel, is rapidly becoming a one-stop service center. With the addition of our compost facility, we now can process all solid waste generated within the city of Maryville and our solid waste district. Recyclables are an important part of our operation, not as revenue generators, but in reducing the waste stream and returning waste materials to usable products. On average, we landfill about 38 tons of solid waste daily plus process recyclables, wood pallets and by-products and waste from our manufacturing plants. Our ability to process all of these solid waste materials makes us an attractive community for industrial as well as residential use.

Finally, the Code Enforcement Division, consisting of only two people, is responsible for assuring conformity to building codes, residential and industrial codes. Zoning and such within the city. Unfortunately, we have the task of asking residents or builders to comply with standards they may believe are arbitrary or too stringent. The laws and codes that we carry out are for the common good. Because of the proximity of city dwellings, weeds, junk and other eyesores must be kept to a minimum. Neighbors have a right to live in a clean, neat neighborhood and sometimes we have to ask folks to clean around their homes or businesses — we don't enjoy doing this, but it is for community betterment. Likewise, building construction, plumbing, electrical work etc., must meet certain standards to ensure the public's safety. As a customer, when any of us visits a commercial facility we should feel safe and secure knowing that the building won't fall down or burn before we can escape. Codes and building standard are all designed to ensure public safety and access. Similar requirements exist for residence. Individually, as citizens, we are not experts on construction and while our tradespeople are all professional and honest, mistakes or misunderstandings can occur. We make hundreds of inspections and tests yearly to ensure one thing — your safety as a resident.

This had been a very quick overview of Public Works. We are an active, busy, professional department that serves all the citizens of Maryville in many capacities every day. We do it with pride and enthusiasm. If you want to see where many of your tax dollars go, come by Public Works at 415 N. Market. I'll be happy to show you our people in action.

Ron Brohammer is the director of Public Works and the assistant city manager for Maryville.

## CampusTurn

### Library apologizes for inconveniences



PATT VANDYKE

*Construction causes disorganization; lack of funds cause hour shortages*

In the past month, Owens Library has disappointed several of its patrons, and we would like to apologize and provide background for our taking the actions that inconvenienced them. We disappointed patrons when painting began before the first semester was ended, indeed, while our patrons were preparing for final examinations. We disappointed other patrons when we were closed the weekend preceding Martin Luther King Day.

In order to complete the first floor renewal and reorganization in time for the opening of classes in the second semester, we counted back from Jan. 8 and estimated the time for removal of carpets, base, attached bookcases and electronics. Since the paint crew was also on the moving crew, we had to have most of the painting done before the stacks were moved. The painters also wanted to

get the painting done before the new carpet was laid. Working overtime with campus crews and contractors through the holidays, we finished before noon on Jan. 8. We could not have finished had we waited until the end of the semester. We do regret the inconvenience.

When we set our hours and our yearly schedule, we balance our responsibility to provide reasonable access with information about patron use and information/assumptions about the flow of academic work in the semester. Last year, for example, we added some additional open hours after vacation breaks because we realized students had begun significant, culminating assignments in their courses and would, indeed, come to the library if we opened early. Two years ago, however, when we were open during the weekend preceding Martin Luther King Day, we found so

few people were in the building at any one time that we realized it was not a good use of our budget to remain open to serve a relatively few patrons. Three-day "weekends" at the beginning of the semester are not good time for the library to open. Current funding and student employment budgets tell us we should keep our resources for other times when more students will benefit from our being open. We regret that our budgets will only stretch so far, and we hope our patrons will understand the constraints under which Owens operates.

We also want to thank the patrons who have said so many encouraging words to us about the renovation.

We most sincerely want to improve what we do.

Patt Vandyke is the Dean of Owens Library.

## It's YourTurn

Do you feel overwhelmed by electronic news and information? Why or why not?



Kerl Peterson  
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"Not necessarily. I think Northwest is doing a good job of teaching us about the electronic advancements."



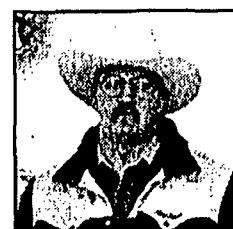
Stephanie Erdman  
health educator

"No, I don't feel overwhelmed. I think it is a real good way of keeping people up to date. It is easy and concise."



Beverly Carmichael  
Eveready worker

"I don't feel overwhelmed with it because electronics is going to be the thing in the upcoming world."



Rob Sparks  
sales  
representative

"No, technology is going to be here whether we like it or not, so we might as well stay with it."



Fran Gabrielson  
paraprofessional at  
middle school

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## Calendar

### Thursday, Jan. 25

Student payday  
7 p.m. - Pool tournament at the Sigma Tau Gamma House  
8:30 p.m. - Mr. and Mrs. Delta Sigma Rush Event at the Delta Sigma Phi House

### Sunday, Jan. 28

5 p.m. - Super Bowl Party at the Sigma Tau Gamma House

### Monday, Jan. 29

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Junior assessment in the University Conference Center  
7:30 p.m. - Distinguished Gentlemen perform at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center

### Tuesday, Jan. 30

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Junior assessment in the University Conference Center  
7:30 p.m. - Molly Ivins speaks at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center

### Wednesday, Jan. 31

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Sophomore assessment in the University Conference Center

## Bust a move



SARAH PHIPPS/Missourian Staff

**Move those lips.** While Fun Flicks stopped by the Student Union Tuesday and Wednesday, Staci Drake, Joey Turk and Mandy Pralwater lip synched to "Short Short Man." Several other Northwest students took part in the free activity sponsored by Campus Activity Programmers.

# University locks meal prices in

*On-campus students choose from 3 plans, including Ala Dine*

JENNIE NELSON  
CHIEF REPORTER

Even though the Board of Regents passed another tuition increase for students last week, room and board will not undergo future price increases for students who live on campus.

Jerry Throener, director of dining services, said the University will have a lock-in of prices for all meal plans for on-campus students as long as the student lives in a residence hall. The lock-in will also include prices for campus housing.

With the price lock-in, the University also made several changes to meal plans to make campus housing a more attractive option to moving off campus.

New freshmen will have the option of choosing from three new meal plans, Throener said. The first will be an 18-meal plan, which covers 18 meals in Cats' Commons cafeteria per week, plus \$100 a semester.

"They can use that \$100 to eat in other areas, anywhere they want, like the deli or something," Throener said. "We've found that's how much students were adding on (to their meal plan) anyway."

The second plan will consist of 125 meals in Cats Commons a semester, plus \$180 cash. The meals may be eaten at any time during the semester, and can also be used to purchase meals for someone else.

On the previous 18-meal plan, 18 meals were placed on the plan each week. If the meals were not eaten by

the end of the week, they were lost. The next week 18 more meals were put on the plan.

However, with the new 125-meal plan, students can eat their meals at Cats' Commons whenever they want during the semester.

"We're now also going to allow you to bring friends in and have you take two meals off your card," Throener said. "It's going to give you more flexibility."

The third option will be a revised version of the University's current Ala Dine plan.

The plan will be the average of this year's Ala Dine regular plan, worth \$945 and the Ala Dine light plan, worth \$845. There will only be one Ala Dine option for the incoming freshmen, which costs \$895 a semester.

However, all three meal plans for freshmen will cost the same — \$895 a semester.

"Now it's no longer a financial decision as to which meal plan you want," Throener said.

Students living on campus currently will now be allowed to switch to any of the new meal plans offered, or keep the plan they are on this semester. Either way, they will be guaranteed to pay the same price for those plans as long as they live on campus, regardless of any future price increases.

Throener said the reason for the change in plans was based on the goal of keeping students on campus.

"We wanted to market the residence halls so students would want to stay on campus more," he said.

The proposed plan changes were brought before Residence Hall Association and Student Senate. The Board of Regents then passed the changes Jan. 17.

## Campus Crime

■ Jan. 20 - Officers responded to a fire alarm in Dieterich Hall. After no smoke or fire was found in the building, it was determined that a pull station on the third floor had been activated.

■ Jan. 20 - A male reported that he

witnessed a vehicle being vandalized. The incident is still under investigation.

■ Jan. 18 - A male contacted Nodaway County Ambulance for an evaluation of a female that the reporting party claimed was not feel-

ing well, but the female refused medical treatment.

■ Jan. 17 - Officers responded to an alarm in the Administration Building. After there was no smoke or fire found, it was determined an electrical storm activated the alarm.

■ Jan. 17 - A female reported property damage.

■ Jan. 16 - A male reported that a female acquaintance of his had been assaulted. The incident is still under investigation.

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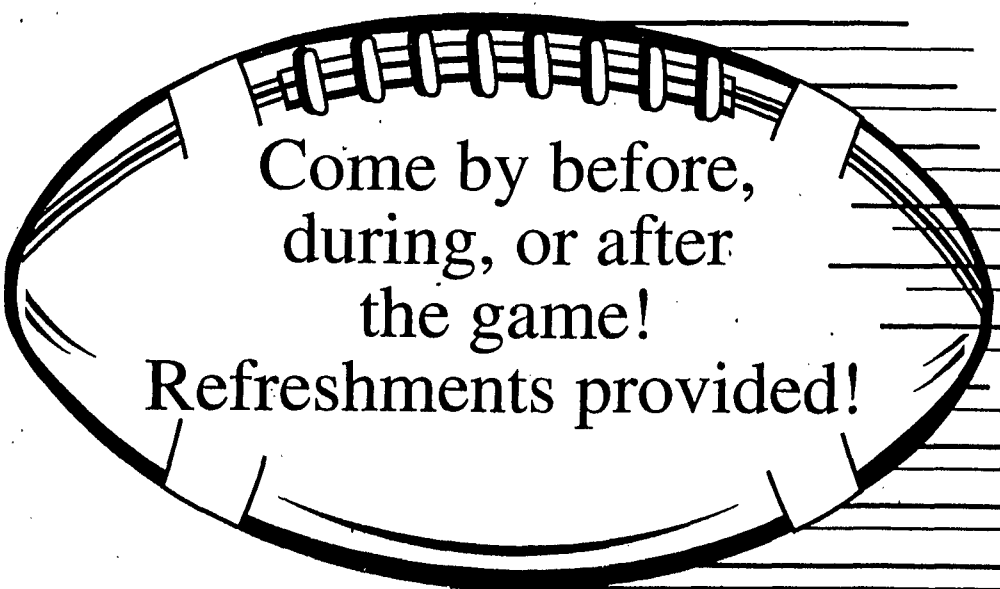
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